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FOLLOWING REPEAT SOFIA 1663, AUGUST 11, SENT SECSTATE

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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY GENERATOR REMOVAL

REFS: A. SOFIA 0173; B. LONDON OM DATED 20 MAY 1974;

C. DEPARTMENT A-8967; D. SOFIA 0240;

E. DEPARTMENT OM DATED 13 JUNE 1975

1. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL PROBLEM WITH EMERGENCY GENERATOR.

LENGTH OF SMALL GAUGE EXHAUST PIPE CAUSES EXHAUST TO

BACK UP, GENERATOR THEN CHOKES AND CUTS OFF. REF B

RECOMMENDED RELOCATION OF GENERATOR TO SECOND FLOOR (U.S.)

BALCONY AT REAR OF EMBASSY, AND REF C WAS SENT TO EMBASSY

ACCOMPANIED BY DRAWING AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROJECT.

IN THE MEANTIME A/C CHILLER UNIT WAS INSTALLED ON SAME

BALCONY RECOMMENDED FOR GENERATOR RELOCATION. DEPARTMENT

WAS NOTIFIED REF D, AND EMBASSY REQUESTED REVISION OF

PLANS, AS A/C CHILLER UNIT WAS NOT A FACTOR IN ORIGINAL

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PLAN. HOWEVER, SEABEES FROM BUCHAREST WHO RECENTLY VISITED

EMBASSY EXPRESSED EXTREME SKEPTICISM AT FEASIBILITY
OF PLACING GENERATOR NEXT TO A/C CHILLER UNIT ON BALCONY.

2. IN VIEW SEABEES' CONCERN, EMBASSY REQUESTED THAT CHIEF
ENGINEER OF THE BUREAU FOR SERVICES TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS
RE-EXAMINE SITE. WHEN HE DID HIS SKEPTICISM EXCEEDED THAT
OF SEABEES. IN FACT THE BUREAU HAS TERMED THE PROJECT
UNFEASIBLE AND HAS REFUSED APPROVAL IN WRITING FOR THE
FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. BALCONY IS TOO SMALL TO ACCOMMODATE BOTH THE
A/C CHILLER UNIT AND THE GENERATOR. EVEN IF ONE MANAGED
TO SET GENERATOR IN PLACE, THERE WOULD BE NO ROOM FOR
MAINTENANCE, AND A WALL OF ANY TYPE SEPARATING THEM
WOULD ONLY SERVE TO FURTHER DIMINISH SPACE;

B. THE VIBRATION CAUSED BY THE GENERATOR IN
OPERATION MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE ELEVATOR, THE SHAFT OF
WHICH RUNS BESIDE THE WALL NEAREST WHERE THE GENERATOR
WOULD BE.

3. EMBASSY FEELS EXHAUST PROBLEM CAN NOW BE SOLVED BY
SHORTENING OF EXHAUST PIPE. IT CAN BE CUT OFF AT AIR
SHAFT, SINCE AIR SHAFT IS NOW PROTECTED BY A/C UNIT WHICH
IS MOUNTED OVER IT. ALSO, MORE VENTILATION CAN BE PRO-
VIDED IN THE ROOM PRESENTLY HOUSING THE GENERATOR BY CUTTING
A HOLE IN THE ENTRANCE DOOR AND MOUNTING AN IRON GRILL IN
PLACE. A FAN CAN BE USED TO CREATE A DRAFT AND COOL AREA.

4. IF DEPARTMENT APPROVES WE INTEND TO TAKE STEPS OUT-
LINED IN PARA 3. WILL ADVISE IF ASSISTANCE OF SEABEES
OR OTHERS NEEDED.
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